

CAPTURE OF GEN. GATACRE.

No Confirmation of the Report Thereof from Kroonstad.

BRITISH DO NOT BELIEVE IT

General Reports Himself from Springfield—Boer Women Want to Fight.

[Early Dispatches.]
New York, March 23.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, March 23, 6 a. m., says:
No confirmation has been received of a sensational rumor emanating from the Boer camp at Kroonstad that General Gatacre and his staff, with a number of guns, have been captured by Commandant Olivier. As a matter of fact a News Telegram from Springfield shows the British general to have been there at a date later than that of his alleged capture.

London, March 22.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Springfield, dated Wednesday morning, March 22, says: "Gen. Gatacre and his staff are still here. He is most strict regarding the private property of the Boers. Some officers who had looted Boer farms have been tried and severely punished, to the great astonishment and gratification of the Boer residents."
A dispatch to the Morning Post from Springfield, dated Wednesday, says: "A deserter reports that the enemy, after repeated disquisitions, has withdrawn from Brandfontein. He thinks it unlikely that the Boers will stand anywhere south of the Tug. I cannot personally share such delusions."
Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field operations in the morning, says: "The rumors of Boer victories are not worth much, but they may serve to remind us that for a day or two there has been no specific account of Gen. Gatacre's movements. It is probable that his force is moving eastward on the east side of the railway."

Interest in Mafeking increases in London. Commandant Snyman evidently writes highly-colored dispatches, which cause a pity, for his tactics are not good.

Gen. Roberts is not likely to let the Boer army escape him, and he is pausing so as to insure, when he next moves, the mobility and handling of his columns. By this time he has taken the measure of all generals and troops, and there is not likely to be any such failure of execution as occurred during the march on Bloemfontein. He will not direct the movement of his troops, but will be in the rear, and the result will probably greatly astonish the Boers."

The Daily News has the following from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday: "It is rumored that Mr. Kruger and his staff will meet at Kroonstad, in Orange Free State, on April 4th, to discuss the future program. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very bitter."
The House of Commons today is a scene of questions on the subject of Lord Methuen and his alleged disagreements with the officers of the column, which have caused considerable scandal, the parliamentary secretary for the war, Mr. H. H. Asquith, declared no charge had been brought against Gen. Methuen by Col. Gough or any other officer. Col. Gough, he added, has been informed that an inquiry would be held into his case. He said he was not likely to be held home by Gen. Methuen after deciding to obey a command issued by the latter, and the colonel demands a trial by court-martial.

The London Telegraph, Thursday, says that Sir Charles Warren's division is embarking at Durban for East London, Cape Colony.
The Standard, in its principal editorial today, indulged in the usual Boer abuse. It says: "The Boers are now to have a remarkable turn for the worse, and there must be many young Boers who will be reluctant to return to a honest peace life after the excitement of campaigning. If they are willing to adopt a military career, we can find room for them in the ranks of our army. We may yet have to fight a battle, and the Boers will be the losers. It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian government has decided to intervene."

Advises from Warrenton say: "The Boers have vacated Klipdam and Windfontein, which are almost deserted. Their wives and families have fled with them. They sank the pontoons, or ferryboats, at Riverton and Windfontein. The Vaal river can only be crossed by swimming. The country this side of the river is well patrolled by the British."

It is reported from Lourenço Marques that Pretoria is prepared to stand a siege of two years, that the Boer women, frantic at the reverses to the Boer army, are entreating to be allowed to assist the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria. It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian government has decided to intervene.

Town Destroyed by Fire.

Victoria, B. C., March 23.—The little town of Kootenai, at the terminus of the Great Northern and Nelson and Caribou lines of railway has been destroyed by fire. Its population was something over 1,000, and most of these people are now homeless from the results of the only blaze that swept upon the mountain side from the shores of Kootenai Lake. The wants of the destitute people are being supplied by citizens of neighboring towns. The property loss is not heavy, as the buildings were all frail, wooden structures.

CLASH OVER BRAYAN.

Tacoma and Seattle Democrats in a Disagreement.

Seattle, Wash., March 22.—A clash has arisen between the Tacoma and Seattle committees appointed to arrange for Bryan meetings during the visit to the Democratic National Convention readers it more than possible that Col. William Jennings Bryan will visit this city on his itinerary.
The State committee had originally arranged to have Col. Bryan speak in Seattle on Monday, April 2nd, and Tacoma the day following. These dates were transposed at the request of the Tacoma committee. Later they were placed in the first instance, Seattle taking Col. Bryan on a flying trip to Whatcom and other northwest cities where he had finished here.
The arrangement, if carried out, would have left Col. Bryan only time to speak at an evening meeting at Tacoma. The committee at the latter place ob-

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jected and Secretary Maloney ruled in his favor, thus cutting out the Whatcom trip. Tonight Secretary Maloney was notified by members of the local reception committee that if he insisted on his position the reception to Col. Bryan would be dropped here.
Democrats on the local committee hope to have the matter patched up, however, so that Col. Bryan will follow the program first mapped out, including two public meetings and a banquet here.

ONE KILLED, FOUR INJURED.

Terrific Result of an Explosion of Colliery.

Philadelphia, March 22.—One person was killed and four seriously injured by a terrific explosion of colliery in the photographic supply establishment of Thomas M. McCollin & Co. on South Eleventh street today.

The dead man is Herman Weiss, aged 13. The more seriously injured are George W. Nicholas, August Hauser, Daniel Reed, a fireman, and John Granton.

The building was almost entirely wrecked, and the adjoining structure, occupied by V. Clad & Sons, manufacturers of metal ranges and kitchen supplies, was also badly damaged by the force of the explosion. There were over 100 persons in the Clad building when the explosion occurred on the sixth floor of the McCollin building. The force of the explosion blew out the north wall of the building and the heavy mass crashed through the roof of the Clad building, which was only four stories in height.

Weiss and Hauser, who were working on the upper floor of the Clad building, were crushed under the falling debris. Nicholas and Granton were burned by the explosion and were taken from the McCollin building by firemen. While firemen were working in the McCollin building, the third floor of the Clad building, which was the heavy mass crashed through the roof of the Clad building, which was only four stories in height.

The roof of the Jefferson hospital, the rear of which adjoined the burned structure, caught fire but the flames were quickly extinguished and did but little damage. A number of patients were removed from the hospital as a measure of precaution during the progress of the fire.

Settled La Bourgogne Disaster.

Chicago, March 23.—The La Bourgogne disaster off the coast of New Foundland, in 1888, in which hundreds of lives were lost, was recalled in the United States circuit court of appeals today when the court handed down an opinion dismissing for want of equity the suit of Charles J. Rundell against La Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, owners of the ill-fated steamship.

The decision affirms the ruling given in the lower court some months ago, and inasmuch as the case was taken up as a test for six suits of the same nature, each involving \$55,000 damages, all of the suits will probably be dismissed. Charles J. Rundell is administrator for the estate of Edwin F. Rundell, who was one of the passengers who went down with the La Bourgogne. Damages were sought under the "law of the flag," the wreck occurring beyond the territorial jurisdiction of any land, and the French vessel in such cases being regarded as French soil.

Quarrel Over Estate.

Santa Rosa, Cal., March 23.—A petition has been filed in court here in behalf of Robert D. Lodge, Yorkshire, Eng., who alleges that he is the son and heir of the late John D. Lodge, whose estate is appraised at over \$100,000. The petition alleges that the deceased left his wife and two children in England in 1883 and came to California. He died last October, soon after the death of a second wife. He left three children here. The petition alleges that Lodge was never divorced from his first wife, the mother of R. D. Lodge, who asks the court to revoke the letters of administration issued to J. P. Overton, of this city. There promises to be a bitter contest over the estate.

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Accusation Made by Mr. Wessels, Orange Free State Envoy to the United States.

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New York, March 23.—"In behalf of President Steyn, I want to make it clear," said Philip Louter Wessels, the Free State's envoy to America, to a World reporter, "that there was no conspiracy between the Transvaal, the Free State and the Cape Dutch against England, as is intimated in a Capetown cable to today's World."

The dispatch referred to was cabled from Capetown and read:
"The real objective point of the Boer delegation—Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans—which recently left Delagoa Bay, is Russia. I have it on the best authority that those gentlemen took with them all the secret incriminating documents from Pretoria, thus making it difficult for England to implicate President Steyn and the Afrikaner Bond party in Cape Colony in a conspiracy against Great Britain."

The Mr. Wessels interviewed by the World reporter—a brother of Mr. Cornelius H. Wessels, mentioned in the cable, who is the president of the Free State's volksraad (legislature), followed up his denial of the existence of a conspiracy by saying:
"There never were any documents incriminating President Steyn and the Afrikaner Bond party in Cape Colony. If there had been any secret understanding the colonial Dutch would have prepared for war and would have armed in time for a movement against Britain simultaneously with the Transvaal and the Free State."

"I was at Bloemfontein during the negotiations between the Free State and Sir Alfred, and I know that neither the Transvaal nor the Free State expected then that friendly relations between England and the republics would be broken. We thought Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred were bluffing the Transvaal in connection with the outlander franchise."

"The Orange Free State was totally unprepared for war, and not until after the Jameson raid did the Transvaal begin to think of war in earnest."

"I met my brother Cornelius at Capetown four days before war was declared, and he told me even then that he did not expect actual hostilities."

"There would have been no war had not Sir Alfred Miller been sent to Africa by Mr. Chamberlain for the purpose of bringing it about, in pursuance of the English policy to wipe out the Afrikaners and grab everything in sight."

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WITNESS HITS AT A LAWYER

Lively Mix-up Follows in a Trial in Nebraska.

Hastings, Neb., March 22.—In the Horlock poisoning case today evidence was introduced to show that Miss Horlock sent the poisoned candy to Mrs. Morey and had purchased arsenic of two different druggists. Mr. Morey, husband of the woman to whom the candy was sent, was put on the stand. The attorney for the defendant, E. A. Batty, asked several questions as to whether witness had not hugged and kissed the defendant and otherwise made love to her. The court sustained an objection to these questions. When Morey left the stand he went over to the witness box and sat down. The court then asked him to state what he had said to the jury.

Philip Fuller, collector for Tibbets & Morey, testified that on the morning of April 10th Miss Horlock entered the office library and showed him a card that had the sentence "home-made sweets" written on one side, and asked him if the writing looked anything like hers. Fuller said that on meeting Miss Horlock the next morning they had quite a conversation, during which time Miss Horlock told him that Morey had accused her of having attempted to poison his wife. She said she could see no reason for him saying so. Miss Horlock appealed to him not to say anything about the card, and finished by saying, "You have my life in your hands."

Capt. Mahan on Arbitration.

Montreal, March 23.—Captain Mahan is to have the honorary degree of doctor of laws conferred upon him on April 30 by McGill university. Two interesting letters from Captain Mahan to Principal Peterson are made public here. In one he says:
"I am very glad to know that any utterance of mine has given satisfaction to the people of Canada. At this period of the world's history whatever tends to draw closer the ties of kinship between the United States and the British empire, whether in its whole or in its parts, is a matter of congratulation. The result of cordial mutual understanding is sure to be reached, provided those of us who realize the importance can have the patience to bear with the extravagances of opponents on one side or the other."

In the second letter he makes the following observations on international arbitration:
"I do not greatly value arbitration, except in deciding pure matters of fact. As regards the relations of the two peoples, you do not dwell upon what to my mind is the crucial necessity, namely, patience on the part of those who think as we do, with the volatile, prejudiced, unthinking or malevolent people of the community. In a way, Great Britain needs this more than we because our comparatively homogeneous people find it hard to understand the violent utterances and professions of a nation which has not yet reached the stage even of being composite, but is simply heterogeneous with prejudices often akin to the soil. In this the Irish are conspicuous, but even the Germans do not wholly escape, although as Americans they have a higher and more intelligent patriotism. But if it is hard for Great Britain to bear, what is it to those of us who see the righteousness and policy of the state endangered by such folly and malevolence as has been shown here lately? There is but one thing—patience; faith that the elements of future understanding between the English-speaking peoples exist so that they will progress to perfection if only we are patient in action and endurance."

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